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Dear 

Thank you for your note of 22 September and the enclosed petition with all of its signatures. I have reviewed this carefully. I wish I could give you a fully satisfactory response.

The situation as it now stands is that our Agency is desperately short of working space for our employees. Requirements over recent years for the installation of additional equipment, such as computers, has eaten into the space available for our personnel. Many of them, in the Headquarters Building and in other buildings, are working in conditions which are not conducive to their best efforts and are not fair to our employees from the standpoint of decency and environmental habitability. In short, the effectiveness of our Agency, as well as the welfare of many of its employees, is at stake here. I simply must do the best I can for the maximum number of our employees with the space that is available to us. We are working hard to gain additional space, but if we are to do that we must demonstrate optimal use of all the space which we do have.

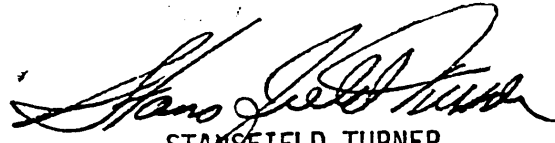
It would be very nice if we could provide satisfactory dining facilities for all of our employees. When we cannot, we have to take into account whether employees have satisfactory alternative opportunities. This does seem to be the case in the Rosslyn area. Other branches outside the Headquarters Building have neither their own facilities nor satisfactory ones nearby. You understandably note that it may cost you more to eat in these alternative facilities than in the GSI cafeteria. At the same time, the GSI has been pressuring us for some time to close the Ames Building cafeteria because it has been losing money. In short, if your cafeteria is less expensive today, it certainly could not stay that way even if we were able to keep it open.

I have been assured that a large-sized, machine-type snack bar will be installed in lieu of the cafeteria. I do hope that this and the many commercial eating places in your immediate area will help to fill the gap caused by the loss of the cafeteria.

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I thank you for bringing this situation to my attention.  
I only wish that I could have found a solution to your problem which  
would have been more satisfactory to you. The overall interests of  
our Agency, as I see them, prevented my doing that.

Yours,



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